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## GIVE IN YOUR EXPERIENCE.

The News Finds Many Prosperous Ranchmen on the Plains.

## HOW WORK IS DONE IN CALIFORNIA.

Plenty of Water Can Be Procured By the Windmill or Pump Process—Stir the Soil.

Another ranchman of the plains who has unbounded faith in the adaptability of the soil for agricultural purposes, is T. A. Goodwin. To a News representative Mr. Goodwin gave the following account of his experiences:

"I came here in March three years ago and settled on a piece of land two miles north of town, near Mr. Dunn's place, and decided to experiment with the soil. Two years ago, I set out 150 trees, 125 of which are now living and I have raised melons with great success both years. This year I had melons enough to supply all my neighbors and had to throw a great many away. I secured the seed from the express company, and watered them four times from barrels after which there was plenty of moisture.

"It is my experience that with one irrigation, or if crops are planted in the right time to catch the rain, they will grow well. It is necessary to keep the soil well broken. It strikes me that the proper way to do is to throw up an embankment around broken ground, which will prevent the water from running off, and will permit it to sink in the ground. This plan will insure plenty of water without further irrigation.

As an illustration of what trees will do, Mr. Dunn and I measured the growth of the trees this year and last. They were from six to eight inches. I have now in my place both years. I planted some cane and height of six feet.

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"When I brought my family here we had no place to live and I borrowed a tent from Mr. Sutherland until I could haul lumber from the mountains to build a shack with. Now I have a 160 acre homestead and a 40 acre desert entry and 180 acres of the land is fenced. The land was worth nothing when I took it up, but in five years from now it will have a valuation of \$400 per acre."

There are a great many others on the plains who have been farming without irrigation, notably Milton Phillips, Mrs. Horgan, James Taylor, Mr. Miller, Wayland Bros., Dr. Spinck and others, and the News would like to have them add their experiences to those already given. There is no doubt but what the land around Alamogordo can be successfully tilled without profuse irrigation and it is only a matter of time until every quarter section will be taken up and placed under cultivation. Then, in a few years every farmer will be prospering and will have a comfortable bank account. All it requires to make every pioneer wealthy is more people of their stamp who will expend muscle and stir ground.

## Las Vegas Has a Kick Coming.

Clayton is expecting very soon that construction will begin on the Rock Island railroad, which, going south, meets the Southern Pacific at the Pecos river, in its connection north. That these two great lines have formed some mutual agreement to extend from Liberal, via Clayton, the Rio Pecos and White Oaks to El Paso, is too certain to doubt and the wonder is, that such a city as Las Vegas should fold its hands and remain absolutely silent and inactive while a great competitive railroad passes within fifty miles, to cut off its trade, and destroy its hope of ever becoming more than a thriving country town. In life there are many curious occurrences. Men commit self-destruction. Others write their own obituaries but it is not often that a town with its public spirit sits idly by and permits its own throat to be cut without resistance. If Las Vegas is intent on suicide, it can easily accomplish that result by folding its arms while more aggressive localities seize upon the opportunities of the hour. It is high time that the public spirit of the city of the Meadows asserts itself before it is side-tracked in the race for supremacy.—Optic

Who She Is. A woman who had just got off. The woman with the shabby dress had her nose buried in the paper. A philanthropist and a business man were riding in the seat back of her.

"You see," said the philanthropist, "how eager the poor working people of this country are to acquire knowledge. Now that good woman ahead of us cannot afford to buy a paper, but she is ready to gain information and picks up a paper wherever she can. Commendable isn't it?"

"Do you know who that woman is?" asked the business man.

"No," said the philanthropist. "Who is it?"

"Hettie Green," said the business man, "the richest woman in the world."

—R. H. Pierce & Co., carry the largest stock of general merchandise in Otero county and can supply ranchmen, cattlemen, railroad men and miners with provisions and dry goods on a moment's notice.

## MONEY MADE IN STOCK HERE.

Some Notable Examples of Success Shown in the Sacramento Mountains.

## A GENEROUS, HOSPITABLE PEOPLE.

They Started With a Few Head of Stock Less Than Fifteen Years Ago and Are Now Wealthy.

"This is one of the best stock countries in the west," remarked a Weed ranchman who visited Alamogordo last Saturday and attended the Republican convention. "But few people realize what has been accomplished by the newcomers of the mountain section during the past few years, and yet they show many notable examples of success born of thrift and toil."

A News representative who was listening sharpened his pencil.

"Take Rev. J. E. Praetor, for instance. He came here from Texas with a small stock, limited means and a large family to support, about 14 years ago, and he settled on the Agua Chiquito. Now he is one of the most influential and respected citizens in the territory and the family gives evidence of a tower of strength and unbounded popularity. S. U. John and Owen Praetor, sons of J. E., are all prosperous ranchers, and the family together can muster a very large amount of stock. The eldest daughter is married to J. E. Bunting, a wealthy merchant of Weed and present postmaster; John married Miss Rosa Goodwin who owned quite a stock of cattle inherited from her father, and Miss Maggie, the second daughter, married Professor Cox, principal of the school at La Luz. Owen and Miss Jennie, a beautiful and accomplished girl of 16, are at home with their parents. There is no more hospitable, prosperous and enterprising family in the mountains, and they have made a wonderful record in fourteen years.

"J. M. Jeffers is another example of successful men. He came here about twelve years ago from Texas, with 97 head of cattle. His stock has increased fully 1,000 per cent, and he is considered a very wealthy man. The father and Tom, Dave and Jimmy all run their stock together and the boys are considered in exceptionally comfortable circumstances. Aside from the cattle owned by him, Mr. Jeffers has at Weed the heaviest stock of general merchandise on the east slope of the mountains. He has built up his fortune in the face of great opposition, and is entitled to a generous measure of credit.

"James Lewis furnishes another example of successful men of the Sacramento Mountains. He came here about the same time as Mr. Jeffers and his stock has increased probably greater than any of the others. He is married to Miss Jeffers. Besides managing a large ranch he is a dealer in cattle and will buy all the calves and beef cattle that he can get, and hold them for the market. He is one of the most affluent and thoroughly respected men in the county.

"Newt Daugherty, should not be overlooked in this reference to the prosperous farmers of the mountains. He came here with virtually nothing ten years ago and from an original purchase of 25 goats eight years ago, he now has nearly 5,000 and can sell them at \$2 per head any day in the year."

"Yes there is money in stock here, and the above men have given plenty of evidence of the fact. They belong to the great tax-paying community of Otero county and we feel proud of them. The aggregate wealth of the gentlemen named will exceed \$100,000."

## DECLINE OF SMALLPOX.

Great Number of Cases and But Few Deaths—Benefits of Vaccination.

The following article taken from the Philadelphia Medical Journal, will prove of interest in small pox sections of the Southwest. It demonstrates that the disease is being rapidly eradicated and is in many instances so mild that it is mistaken for something else:

"The fact has not infrequently been noted that smallpox has been prevailing for some time past in the United States in an unusually mild form. In fact, there have been reasons to suspect that in some quarters the genuine disease has presented itself in such a mild type that it has either not been recognized or else passed off as a less serious disorder. The official statistics of smallpox in this country for the past few months, as published in the United States Marine-Hospital service, exhibit this subject in such a panoramic way that we present a brief synopsis of them for the benefit of general readers, and also possibly for the enlightenment of the few unfortunates who continue to oppose vaccination. In Alaska there was a small epidemic this summer, chiefly at Cape Nome, of 28 cases, without a death. In Colorado there has been an

epidemic thinly spread over 15 counties, with 100 cases and no deaths. In Indiana also there has been a widespread prevalence of the disease with only 130 cases and 5 deaths during the months of June and July. In Louisiana a more severe type of smallpox has prevailed, for in June, July, and August, 148 cases with 40 deaths were reported. In Minnesota there was still more of the disease, but the mortality was astonishingly low—283 cases with only 3 deaths. North Carolina had 440 cases spread widely over the State, with not all cases reported, and yet the death-rate was very small. Ohio has had plenty of smallpox since the beginning of the year—1,376 cases—and yet has lost but 17 persons from the disease. Texas, with 556 cases since February, has lost only 4 patients. It will be seen from these statements that the disease has been quite widely spread over the United States, but has prevailed more in some localities than in others. Few States have been exempt from it, but in all of them, with the exception of Louisiana, the death-rate has been (if the term is allowable) abnormally low. In the middle states—Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey—there has been but little smallpox in proportion to the large population, and only two deaths in these three States all summer. The grand total of cases for the United States for the period covered (which is mainly the summer months) is 3,818, with only 114 deaths. This seems almost incredible.

"In view of these figures, and with our attention so much occupied with plague, yellow fever, and cholera, we are likely to lose sight of the fact that smallpox was formerly one of the great scourges of the human race. Surely it is not too much to claim that most of the credit for this change is to be found in vaccination, by which simple preventive this one-time dread disease seems to have lost many of its terrors."

## Ringling Bros. Excursions.

Arrangements have been completed by which all who wish to attend the performances at Ringling Bros.' World's Greatest Shows in El Paso, Thursday, Oct. 18, can secure special excursion rates on all lines of travel. This will be the only point in this vicinity where the great show will exhibit during the present season, and those who fail to see it will miss the grandest amusement event of the year. Since last season Ringling Bros.' famous exhibition has been doubled in size and is now beyond all question or doubt the largest and best combined circus, menagerie and hippodrome in the United States. The performance is given by over 200 high-salaried specialists, in three rings, on two stages, in mid-air, and on a huge quarter mile hippodrome track. The trained animal features, which are alone worth many times the price of admission to see, include three troupes of wonderful educated elephants, Lockhart's play-acting elephants, Marchand's pugilistic pachyderms and Souder's elephant brass band, and O'Brien's sixty-one horse act, in which three-score handsome equines perform in one ring, at one time, under the direction of one man. The grand free street parade which takes place at 10 o'clock on the morning of the exhibition is the most magnificent display ever seen. Don't miss it.

## SOME CHEAP PRICES ON GOOD FALL STATIONERY.

For two weeks from date THE NEWS will make the following rates on commercial stationery when taken in \$5 lots:

500 XX Envelopes.....	\$1.50
500 Letter Heads.....	1.50
500 Bill Heads.....	1.00
500 Statements.....	1.00

Further reductions on large orders. Good stock; union printers; quick work. To get rid of our summer stock and make room for winter goods, our old price list has been discarded and special cash rates will be made to all customers both old and new. Now is the time to stock up on job work.

## Politician Hires Paper for a Day.

An original politician in Leominster, Mass., Henry Cook by name, plumber by occupation, and candidate for representative to the state legislature, bought the use of the Leominster Enterprise for August 25th, and devoted the contents of the paper to his own interests. Three pages of the paper are given up to reprints of article from the Enterprise, assailing Cook's political ambition in times past and replies thereto, written by the plumber-politician. The last page is occupied by an advertisement of Cook's plumbing business.

As a bit of campaigning, it is unique in Massachusetts politics.—Ex.

The latest music—"Health, Wealth and Happiness," "Side by Side," and "Ma Rainbow Coon." Popular prices. Rhombert's music store.

Room for Rent.—To a gentleman only. References required. Call at News office.

—Public stenographer. Legal work a specialty. G. R. COLLINS, News office.

## WILL OUTLIVE HIS FRIENDS.

They Expected to Attend His Funeral and Were Agreeably Surprised.

## EFFECTS OF NEW MEXICO CLIMATE.

Freedom From Worry and Plenty of Time Will Cure the Most Obstinate Cases—Should Not Work.

Dr. John Tascher, of Albuquerque has been visiting in Washington, and in an interview with a representative of the Washington Post, had the following good words for New Mexico as a mecca for consumptives:

"Consumptives who go to New Mexico should make it their business to get well. They should have enough money to keep them from worrying. They should go there for the rest and not for sight-seeing. Above all else, they should disabuse their minds of the idea that they will get well in a month or three months or six months. It takes a great deal longer than that. They should be free from both. They cannot do it if they are looking for employment. There are twenty applicants for every job that is vacant. Then again sick people do not want work. They should be free to use reserve strength in casting off the disease. New Mexico will be the greatest health resort in the world. It has the advantages. The climate is the best on earth. We have more mineral springs—containing different healthful properties—than any other place known in any part of the civilized world, none excepted. I have visited all of the famous health resorts and know that none of them has the advantages possessed by New Mexico."

Five years ago Dr. Tascher was a practicing physician in Chicago. He contracted consumption. He came to New Mexico. For the first two years and a half he did not get better. He lost in weight and general health. He remained here, however, as he says, to get better. Today he is robust. He weighs more than he ever did before in his life. He has had no trace of the disease for over a year. He went back to his old home and surprised his friends by his altered appearance. They expected to attend his funeral. Instead, if appearances are to be relied upon, he will outlive his oldest friends.—Ex.

## THE ROUNDER'S COLUMN.

The masons were about to lay the corner stone of the new Baptist college, and Hon. John Quinliven was wending his way to the scene of action. A lady accosted him and said in a surprised tone:

"Are you a mason, Mr. Quinliven?" "Yes, madam. A stone mason," he replied unabashed; and the chuckled that succeeded the answer rippled down the graveled walk of Tenth street and tore a plank out of the depot platform.

"Did you see Brother Kehoe's statement that one of the concessions at the Albuquerque fair was a booth bearing the sign: 'For men only,' and containing inside a pair of suspenders?" remarked "Ded" to a select crowd of men only who had congregated in the hotel lobby.

Of course the crowd had read it. Anything bright, whether new or old, is always read in Alamogordo.

"Well that reminds me of a self sprung by a Montreal haberdasher in 1882. He had a booth near the ice palace and a card about two feet square on the door bore the inscription: 'For men only. Imported Parisian Beauties. Some Swell Bosoms.' Of course I blushed and looked cautiously around to see if anyone who I knew was in sight, and then I entered. No admission fee was charged.

"Now don't you fellows look so horrified," the narrator ejaculated. "I was only a kid then, but I was a good boy, though not so sedate and settled as now, and of course I possessed as much curiosity as any young boy. Besides there were men going in there with clothing cut clerical style, army officers, prominent civil officials, old men, young men, and men in every walk of life, all impelled to forget their dignity by the same curiosity."

"Keep us in suspenders no longer!" interrupted a listener. "We accept your apology. What did the naughty and alluring booth contain?"

"Nothing but a fine display of fancy-bosom shirts which the haberdasher claimed were imported goods from the world's hub of fashion. But it was a good ad. for him, even if some did look mad and disappointed. The angry fellows must have expected something else.

Here is a little story gleaned in a Texas town. "Yes," the kodak girl was telling the

telephone, "I had the peachiest little picture box that ever happened."

"Yes, past tense is proper. I'll tell you if you'll let me. We can't both talk over this wire at the same time. "Uh-huh, and you just ought to see me particularly my face! The color scheme is green and gold, merging into purple under the eyes, and my upper lip! Say, it's quite the fiercest thing that ever absorbed a kiss!"

"Well, great goodness I'm telling you as fast as ever I can talk! Y' know I never tried to do my own developing but I decided yesterday afternoon that I would try, so I bought all the chemicals that the dealer told me were necessary—I think he saw me coming. I prepared whole gallons of ice water and whole quarts of vari-colored and 'strictly necessary' solutions, then I run the family out of the room, and lighted that cute little ruby lamp. Then I rolled up my sleeves and taking the roll-holder out of the code, I very carefully set the camera down in the only vacant place on the table and prepared for business. You know the directions that came with the code said that the quickest and most satisfactory way to proceed was to develop the whole film without cutting the exposures apart, and you know, the best is none too good for me, so I just told myself that I'd unroll that bally old film and develop it in ragtime."

"Verily the wise man spoke truly when he said that 'unless you crave a tumble it will pay you to be humble.' When I got the cheesy thing unrolled it was yards and yards long! Just think of me with my short reach trying to hold that slippery thing by the ends and to pass it gracefully through a little four by five pan of sea green solution!"

"Well, I took the old thing in one hand and with the other I placed all of these various chemicals on the floor, then I once more got the snaky old film in both hands and stepped up into a chair, from there I stepped on to the gasoline stove and thence to the table, then the next thing I did was to put my foot in a pan of ice water, and then it was all off! I gave a scream and a flop, and down I came flat on my—"

"Say, did you ring off just then? Well, I don't care if central does hear. I came down flat on my camera, and, lo! it's wrecked forever, for, verily, my name is Avoidupose. Then I rolled from the table to the floor, bumped my nose on the lantern and generally covered myself with glory in the shape of many chemicals. My left hand is a beautiful chloride of gold red, and my right is a vivid chromium green; as for the rest of me I am green streaked and speckled, and all of these colors are warranted fast!"

## A New Drink.

There is a new drink out called ice cream cantalope, and this is the way it is made: Powered sugar is sifted over the inside of half a cantalope; then a spoonful of crushed fruit, preferably peaches, is put in. The rest of the hollow is heaped full of ice cream. The flavor of ice cream and cantalope blend deliciously, admirers of the concoction say.

Send your watch and jewelry work to F. M. Rhombert, practical watchmaker and jeweler. All work guaranteed strictly first-class. Alamogordo, N. M.

HENRY J. ANDERSON, Pres. ROBERT H. PIERCE, Vice-Pres. JNO. M. WYATT, Cashier

## The First National Bank OF ALAMOGORDO.

Condensed statement of the condition of the First National Bank of Alamogordo, N. Mex., at the close of business Sept. 5, 1900.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts.....	Capital.....
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....	Undivided profits.....
Premium on U. S. Bonds.....	National Bank Notes outstanding.....
Bonds, Stocks, Securities, etc.....	Deposits.....
Banking houses, furniture and fixtures.....	
Cash and Exchange.....	

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

H. J. Anderson, R. H. Pierce, C. B. Eddy,  
W. A. Hawkins, S. H. Sutherland, A. P. Jackson,  
Henry Bell, Jr., C. D. Simpson.

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Alamogordo, New Mexico

Heavy and Shelf Hardware, Stoves and Tinware, Iron Pipes and Fittings, Valves and Brass Goods

Look over our goods and see how well we can supply all you need in Hardware, Tinware and Stoves from our splendid stock. We handle only the better quality of goods, and our prices are right.

Plumbing and Tinwork in all their branches and all work guaranteed

Give us a trial order and we will please you

\$35.00—GREASER BICYCLES—\$35.00 The Wheel that sells

## THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Tularosa Delegation Farce Redounds to the Disgrace of the Republican Party.

## FREE SILVER RESOLUTION SPRUNG.

Through Ignorance or Political Trickery the Convention Failed to Endorse Gallant Major Llewellyn, the San Juan Hero.

Pursuant to call from the Republican county central committee, the delegates from the various precincts of Otero county met in Alamogordo Saturday September 29, for the purpose of nominating a county ticket. F. B. Schermerhorn of Jarilla was elected chairman and F. C. Rolland secretary of the body.

One of the most interesting features of the convention was the Demo-Populist, free silver resolution sprung on the delegates by the chairman. He proposed to retire all the silver certificates and issue silver in their stead. The convention was temporarily stunned and it fortunately recovered in time to lay the resolution on the table and instruct the janitor to carry it out with the tongs.

The next important move was the reading of a resolution endorsing Major Llewellyn, the San Juan hero, for the legislature, adopted by the Republican convention of Dona Ana county. Just whether the job had been promised to someone else or not has not yet been made apparent. The party will probably learn when it hears from Santa Fe. In any event Llewellyn was not endorsed.

The committee on credentials made votes for the party (Democratic) by handling the Tularosa delegates without gloves. The first delegation was given two members, and in a burst of generosity, the second delegation took four. The first delegation was not even given a hearing by the committee, so it probably did not find out that Raphael Aguilar's name had been forged to a proxy and from the high handed manner in which the whole business was conducted they probably did not care. No greater insult could have been offered to the intelligent voters of Tularosa.

The first evidence of real treachery was manifested when the vote on county clerk was taken. The first vote was a tie, and on the second D. M. Sutherland came to the front and honestly supported his old time friend Shepherd and gave him the nomination. This was not to the liking of some of the delegates in the "ring," and one of them afterwards stated that he had been promised the Weed, Alamogordo, La Luz and Tularosa delegates for Scott, if he would help the "ring."

With the exception of the above incidents the convention "passed off most harmoniously, adopted ringing resolutions and was an enthusiastic meeting." Even the Democrats could not have done better it themselves.

There will probably be nothing said in the future about the "News ring."

The El Paso Steam Laundry agent calls for and delivers bundles. Special rates on family laundry. Joe Buck, agent.

Pillsbury's best flour at People's Bros